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RE: Ethics Board Docket No. 2004-814

Dear Mr. Ogden:

The Louisiana Board of Ethics, at its December 15, 2004 meeting, considered your request for an advisory opinion concerning whether the Board of Dentistry may reimburse former board members for their travel when they volunteer to assist the Board of Dentistry in conducting the clinical licensing examinations, when the former members have served on the Board of Dentistry within the past-two years.

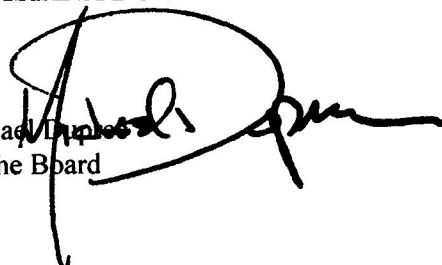
The Board concluded and instructed me to inform you, that the Board of Dentistry would not be prohibited from reimbursing former board members, who have served as board members within the past two years, their travel expenses if they volunteer their services to assist the Board of Dentistry with their licensing examinations. Section 1121A prohibits a former member of a board or commission, for a period of two years, from assisting another person, for compensation, in a transaction, or in an appearance in connection with a transaction, involving that agency or render any service on a contractual basis to or for such agency.

This Section also prohibits a former member of a board or commission, for a period of two years following the termination of his public service on such board or commission, from contracting with, being employed in any capacity by, or being appointed to any position by that board or commission. Because the former members will not be assisting another person for compensation in a transaction involving the Board of Dentistry, nor will they be contracting with, being employed by or being appointed to a position by their former board, the reimbursement of travel expenses to former board members is not a violation of Section 1121A.

The Board issues no opinion as to laws other than the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics. Please be advised that you may want to contact the Attorney General's Office regarding the laws pertaining to the proper use of public funds. If you have any questions, please contact me at (800) 842-6630 or (225) 763-8777.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS


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